

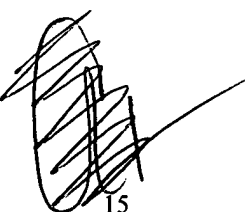
AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 22, 33, and 34 to read as follows.

- 5 1. (Currently Amended) A medical device for use in a mammal comprising:
 (a) a bioresorbable bulk material comprising an ionically or covalently
 crosslinked polymeric material; and
 (b) resorbable particles embedded in said bioresorbable bulk material, said
10 resorbable particles causing said bioresorbable bulk material to resorb upon contact with
 a body fluid at a controllable resorption rate.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling resorption of a bioresorbable
material in a device for use in a mammal, said method comprising:

 (a) providing a bioresorbable bulk material comprising an ionically or covalently
crosslinked polymeric material;

15 (b) embedding resorbable particles in said bioresorbable bulk material, said
resorbable particles resorb faster upon contact with a body fluid than said bioresorbable
bulk material; and

 (c) contacting a body fluid with said bioresorbable bulk material and said
resorbable particles thereby causing said bioresorbable bulk material to resorb at a
20 controllable resorption rate.

33. (Currently Amended) A composition for use in a device in a mammal, said
composition comprising:

 (a) a bioresorbable bulk material comprising an ionically or covalently
crosslinked polymeric material; and

25 (b) resorbable particles embedded in said bioresorbable bulk material, said
resorbable particles causing said bioresorbable bulk material to resorb upon contact with
a body fluid at a controllable resorption rate.

34. (Currently Amended) A composition for use in a device in a mammal, said
composition comprising:

(a) a bioresorbable bulk material comprising an ionically or covalently crosslinked polymeric material; and

(b) resorbable particles embedded in said bioresorbable bulk material, said resorbable particles having a resorption rate that is different from a resorption rate of said bioresorbable bulk material and said resorbable particles causing said bioresorbable bulk material to resorb at a controllable rate upon contact with a body fluid.

Please add the following new claims 46-48.

46. (New) The medical device of claim 1 wherein each of said bioresorbable bulk material and said resorbable particles comprises the same kind of ionically or covalently crosslinked polymeric material.

47. (New) The medical device of claim 46 wherein said polymeric material of said resorbable particles is crosslinked at a lower ratio than the crosslinking ratio of said polymeric material of said bioresorbable bulk material.

48. (New) The medical device of claim 46 wherein said polymeric material of said resorbable particles is crosslinked with ions having a weaker electronic affinity than the ions said polymeric material of said bioresorbable bulk material is crosslinked with.